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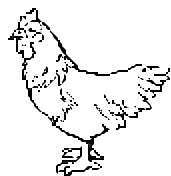
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady to about steady. Demand into retail and food service covered the full range with best interest for ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually more than sufficient with heavier weights frequently in the longest position. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective and markets monitored as news of the Russian ban circulated. Supplies of all items were at least adequate or available to handle present needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/15/02-04/20/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	44.00-47.00	46.20	10	50.23	37
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.34	41	47.22	74
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.00	21
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	55.40	10
Denver	66.50	66.50	18	65.00	22
Detroit	44.00	45.50	12	50.70	44
Los Angeles	67.00	64.12	74	62.27	141
New York	44.00-46.00	45.82	22	49.75	51
Philadelphia	44.00-46.00	44.50	10	47.70	25
Pittsburgh	44.00-45.50	44.68	11	52.39	58
St. Louis	44.50-44.75	44.09	19	46.13	41
San Francisco	67.50	66.38	33	67.63	54

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/15/02	Change/Last Wk	04/08/02	04/16/01
578	54.09	0.45	53.64	58.43

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	48.50-50.00	49.59	34
Central	46.00-54.00	51.04	61
West	46.00-60.00	56.13	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	61.10	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,011	42.00-64.50	60.48

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.50	1,497
BREASTS - B/S	132.50	4,917
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50	1,148
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	815
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	9,462
WINGS	66.00	3,393

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive as dealers entered the week cautious and selective. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were sufficient, however, the 3.5 to 4 pound sizes were fully adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient, although, bone-in breasts were adequate to better balanced. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient and wings were fully adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to fair, best where featured, with needs being assessed and market developments closely watched. Supplies were at least sufficient for current needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Leg items were in good balance to close, breast items and wings were adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was barely steady. Regular commitments reported at generally unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at unchanged to generally lower prices, particularly on heavy WOGs. Offerings of whole product over 3 pounds were ample for current needs and lighter weights generally adequate. Buying interest was somewhat lighter but overall fair. Demand by restaurants were fairly good best into fast food segments, stores moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOGs weighted averages was 50.82 down 1.05 with 31 loads reported down 3 percent from last week. Trading on parts reported at: leg quarters bulk 19.5-22 and 4/10s 22.5-26, breasts bone-in 69-74 and boneless 117-120, small quantities of bulk drumstick reported on bulk around the mid 30s.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged into all areas with Ohio TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was about steady. Offerings of light weight birds adequate, heavier weight product readily available. Retail demand was mixed, light to instances good. Food service movement was fair to instances good, best into fast food channels and where featured. Floor stocks were adequate to instances ample in Chicago. Weights were desirable. Trade sentiment on breast items barely steady, unsettled on wings, steady to fully steady on leg quarters.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate and in fairly good balance at most plants. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Tradesentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, all items were adequate for current needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	43-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.52
NO. OF BOXES	9,071

*8 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair as dealers cautiously assessed the market entering the week. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to available. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was generally fair at best. The market tone was about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120		120.86	354,960
TENDERLOINS	125-130		129.23	67,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60		65.54	192,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	59		61.43	131,600
LEGS	32-33		36.15	142,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		18.96	355,544
DRUMSTICKS	32-33		35.63	62,350
THIGHS	25-26		25.68	116,060
B/S THIGHS	81-82		77.36	89,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59		62.78	244,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.26	31,890
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25		20.83	6,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		43.95	18,960

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,457	105.00-128.00	110-119	113.85
TENDERLOINS	72	147.00-170.00	-	147.48
BREAST - WITH RIBS	114	55.00-84.00	55	63.69
FRONT HALVES	280	46.00-52.00	-	49.00
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	250	16.00-17.00	16	16.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	4,673	17.00-18.50	18.5	18.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	55	66.25-77.00	-	67.23
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,803	20.00-32.00	20-21	20.62

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/15	04/11	04/11	04/08	04/04
ALA	4,020	4,025	4.98	3,961	4.96
ARK	5,377	4,974	4.88	5,328	4.85
DELMARVA	2,392	2,349	5.11	2,352	5.17
KY-LA-TN	1,901	2,014	4.45	1,971	4.50
MISS	2,731	2,779	5.23	2,856	5.25
NC	2,648	2,651	6.04	2,568	6.06
TEXAS	2,448	2,433	4.85	2,431	4.85
TOTAL	21,517	21,225	5.07	21,467	5.07
MON	21,517(A)			21,467(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Apr 2002 is estimated to be 32,192,000 down 0.07 percent from a week ago and up 15.21 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,213,000, last year 27,941,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	837	109.00-189.00	118-124	121.17
TENDERLOINS	162	135.00-195.00	-	145.37
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	64.00-69.00	64-67	66.25
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	25.00-36.00	25-26	26.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	14.00-18.00	14-15	14.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,350	16.00-25.50	19-20	19.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	51.00-69.50	-	66.62
WINGS (CUT)	463	69.00-79.00	71-73	73.29
DRUMSTICKS	100	36.00-40.50	-	37.80
THIGHS	54	36.00-45.00	-	37.50
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 15, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.00 - 36.50	34.06	35.06

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 15-APR - 19-APR 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	108.00 - 127.00	110.00 - 120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 84.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	28.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 25.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 36.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 67.00	57.00 - 61.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-83
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	85
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	83-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	94-101
	ICE PACK	92-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94-98
	DRY PACK	
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 12-APR-2002
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50-14.00	12.75-13.50	930,000	370,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.53	13.03		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-12.00	9.00-12.50	1,034,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.50	10.71		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Slaughter schedules provided sufficient supplies for a slow to moderate demand on finished product. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-APR-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-12	8-9.5	8.99

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 12-APR-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.50-14.00	11.00	285,600	163,200
WTD AVERAGE	13.63	11.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-11.00	10.00-12.00	1,164,800	326,400
WTD AVERAGE	10.67	10.35		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	9.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		9.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Interest for finished product was still clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-APR-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5	8.5-10	8.85
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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